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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

AVERSA ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/666,332

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FOR: THERAPEUTIC BINDING MOLECULES

MS: Missing Parts

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed December 12, 2003 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 12, 2004.

A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1480 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of five fully executed Declarations and Powers of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for charging purposes.

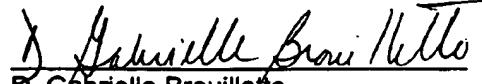
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